

SWOSU's Townley Attends Nigh Leadership Academy

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SWOSU sophomore Scott Townley (center) of Chickasha recently participated in the 7th annual George and Donna Nigh Leadership Academy in Oklahoma City. Townley is shown with (from left) Oklahoma Higher Education Chancellor Paul Risser, SWOSU Assistant to the President Randy Beutler, SWOSU President John Hays and former Oklahoma Governor George Nigh.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University sophomore Scott Townley of Chickasha just returned to the Weatherford campus from a four-day trip to the George and Donna Nigh Leadership Academy in Oklahoma City.

Townley, who is majoring in history education, was SWOSU's representative to the academy. He is a 2004 graduate of Amber-Pocasset High School.

Townley participated in a variety of activities, including a visit to the State Capitol to hear Governor Brad Henry give the "State of the State" address. The academy participants also visited with several state senators and representatives as well as Oklahoma Attorney General Drew Edmondson. The group toured several locations in Oklahoma City including the new Oklahoma Historical Building and the Bombing Memorial and heard plans for Oklahoma's upcoming Centennial celebration.

The academy participants also attended a reception at Governor Nigh's home and attended a luncheon, hosted by Governor Henry. Also attending the luncheon were Oklahoma university presidents, including SWOSU President John Hays.

Thirty students, each representing an Oklahoma university, participated in the 7th annual academy. In addition to the many academy activities, each student received a \$1,000 scholarship.